

MYSTERY IN SAGE SUIT.

Each Side Maintaining the Greatest of Reticence.

MR. HUMMELL SURE HE'LL WIN.

Much Secrecy Regarding the Marchioness de Ajuria. Who Was \$75,000 From the Veteran Financier for Alleged Damages—Another Suit Instituted Seventeen Years Ago.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A deep and apparently impenetrable mystery shrouds the suit of Mrs. Grezire de Ajuria against Mr. Russell Sage, for \$75,000. The pretentious home of Mrs. de Ajuria at No. 134 Glen Avenue, Mount Vernon, was barred against all callers yesterday, and the amiable fiction that Mrs. de Ajuria had gone to Palm Beach was persisted in until late in the afternoon, when a reporter finally succeeded in seeing Mrs. de Ajuria.

Mr. Sage, after having frankly and freely discussed the matter the night before, grew suddenly incommunicative and refused to talk, while Mr. Almon Goodwin, of the firm of Messrs. Goodwin, Thompson Vanderpoel, lawyers for Mr. Sage, denied absolutely that any payments had ever been made by Mr. Sage to Mrs. de Ajuria.

Denies Making Payments. "You can say," said Mr. Goodwin, "that the statement that Mr. Sage paid Mrs. de Ajuria \$3,000 a year or any other sum is absolutely false. I do not believe Mr. Sage ever saw the woman before last June, when she called at his office, and if he ever met her before it was in his office in the routine of ordinary business, and not under such circumstances as would cause him to remember her."

"I have had the matter under consideration only a short time, and am not yet in a position to discuss the suit against Mr. Sage, but believe it to be of a character that will hardly warrant us in making any strenuous efforts to defend our client."

Mr. Hummell Sure of Victory. Mr. A. H. Hummell, who is counsel for Mrs. de Ajuria, declined to talk of the suit against Mr. Sage yesterday. "I am sorry that the case has become public," he said.

"My client is a nervous, high-strung woman and has been deeply affected by this affair. I would not have taken this case unless I had known that I had a good chance to win it. I have talked over the details of the case with Mrs. de Ajuria and am convinced that she has an excellent case against Mr. Sage and that it will take but a short time to convince a jury of the correctness of her statements. More than that I cannot say."

Known in Art Circles. Mme. de Ajuria is well known by her work in art circles in New York, but personally is known to very few of the leading artists and miniature painters of the city. Notwithstanding this fact, however, she has done a great deal of work in this line during the past few years and has been an exhibitor at the National Academy of Design during the past three years, her miniature being highly commended, although the technique has been of the old-fashioned school.

She has shown a wonderful talent in etching and holding the likeness of her sitters, however, and although her method has been rather formal and artificial, her color work too conventional to rank with that of the artists of the later schools, she has been regarded as an artist of exceptional merit.

Miniature of Mr. McKinley. Much of her work has been done on orders received through Park, the photographer, and he has on exhibition at present several miniatures painted by Mrs. de Ajuria, among them portraits of Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, Mrs. Seward Webb, Mrs. George Gould, President McKinley, Queen Victoria, Pope Leo and the late President McKinley.

Always Lived in Luxury. Nevertheless she has always lived in luxury, having had the ground floor and in the Scarborough Mansions, adjoining the Art Students' League, for several years. Since last June she has been living in a handsomely and expensively furnished house in Mount Vernon. The house itself is one of the finest in the village, while the paintings hung throughout the house indicate not only the possession of wealth, but a cultivated and artistic taste.

Mrs. de Ajuria is the widow of the Marquis de Ajuria, of Madrid, a cousin of the Marquis de Real Socorro, and a nephew of the present Minister of War of Spain. Her husband, however, was said to be rich only in titles, and the source of Mrs. de Ajuria's income during the past few years has been a matter of conjecture to those who know her.

Her Personal Appearance. Personally Mrs. de Ajuria is a woman of about forty-five years of age, of much force of character. She has a strong, masculine chin, piercing grey eyes, and a mass of black hair turning grey. Her daughter, now fourteen years of age, has been an invalid for several years in charge of an English governess, a Miss Blackburn, who is at present at the house in Mount Vernon, and who has undertaken the task of answering all enquiries as to Mrs. de Ajuria's whereabouts, invariably stating that Mrs. de Ajuria has returned to her winter home at Palm Beach, in Florida.

Found Packing Up. The Marchioness de Ajuria was found yesterday by a reporter at her home, No. 134 Glen Avenue, Mount Vernon, stripping the walls of tapestries and paintings and packing brick-a-brac into four barrels. She scoffed at the idea of being interviewed, and said "it was deplorable" that such a thing should be suggested to her when she was in a great hurry to get her things packed before the moving vans came to take them away.

"Yes, I am going to move tomorrow," she said, in answer to a question. "I am going away far away, too. I don't like reporters. I cannot understand why they want to bother me. I have nothing to say. If I had, I wouldn't do so, anyway. I am going to move where they won't find me. I am sure they won't."

"Ask Him," She Says. "What have I to say about my suit against Russell Sage? Ask him. He will tell you all about it. He says he doesn't know me. How foolish. Ask him about the painting. Ask him about the studio. Ask him if he knows the Marchioness de Ajuria."

"Am I the Marchioness de Ajuria? Well, sir, I—Yes, I am suing Mr. Sage for \$75,000," she said, changing the subject.

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ject. "Who let you in, anyhow?" she asked suddenly. "I have seen no one today. I have left orders with the servants that I wouldn't see anyone either. That is all I have to say."

Lived Secluded Life. The house at No. 134 Glen Avenue is beautifully furnished in the Louis XIV style, and the tapestries and paintings are said to be valuable. Madam de Ajuria is not known at all in Mount Vernon, as she has always lived a secluded and retired life, the purchases for the household being made by the chef or the butler. Not a dozen persons in the village can recall having ever seen her.

What Mr. Sage Says. Mr. Sage yesterday admitted that he had met the woman last June, when she came in his office to open an account with him.

"She had no money with which to open an account," said Mr. Sage, "and wanted me to make certain investments for her on credit. I refused, and she then made some remark which recalled to my mind the fact that some seventeen years ago she had begun some sort of a lawsuit against me. Later she returned and made some threats about suing me and getting my name in the papers. I told her to go ahead. When the suit was actually begun I turned all the papers over to my lawyer and he has had them ever since."

WANTS SENATORS CHOSEN BY PEOPLE.

VOORHEES FAVORS POPULAR VOTE.

Governor of New Jersey in His Annual Message Appeals to the Legislature to Take Action.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—The last annual message of Gov. Foster M. Voorhees contains a lengthy appeal to the Legislature of New Jersey to take action in favor of electing United States Senators by popular vote. In asking that the General Assembly amend the Constitution for a constitutional amendment he says:

"At the time the plan was first adopted it was claimed that the conservative sentiment of the country would be best represented by those selected by the chosen few, but observation and experience have proved the utter fallacy of this theory, as tested by the events of time. As a matter of fact, so far as Congress is concerned, the conservative and sane sentiment of the country has on more than one occasion been represented in the lower house rather than in the Senate."

The State's Finances. The Governor gives a detailed statement of the financial condition of the State. He estimates the surplus for the coming year at \$2,383,283.85.

In a section denouncing anarchists the Governor recommends a law fixing a proper punishment for anarchists conspiring against the life of any ruler of a foreign state.

GUARDING AGAINST SMALLPOX.

Action Taken to Prevent Its Importation From London. LONDON, Jan. 15.—It is apparent that the American consuls are taking a serious view of the smallpox epidemic in London.

At present the London port authorities are granting pratique to outward-bound vessels and the consular officials are expecting stringent orders from the Washington authorities, to whom they wrote some time ago, practically recommending that vessels sailing from London be refused entry at American ports unless the crews have been vaccinated.

The Atlantic Transport Company officials are already taking the matter in hand of having the crews of their vessels vaccinated, and the Wilson and Furness lines will probably follow their example.

Up to date two cases of the disease have been discovered on two steamships bound for America.

MARCONI CARNEGIE'S GUEST.

Investor Denies That His Engagement Has Been Broken. NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Mr. Marconi dined last night with Andrew Carnegie at the latter's residence, 5 West Fifty-first Street. He said afterward that he wished to deny absolutely the reports that his engagement to Miss Josephine Holman had been broken.

Mr. Marconi said that his business had made it necessary to postpone his marriage indefinitely. He will sail for England on Saturday on the Umbria and expects to return late in February.

The engagement was made public April 27 last, when it was expected that the wedding would occur last autumn. Family and business reasons prevented, and it has been supposed all along that the wedding would take place while Mr. Marconi was in New York, on his way from Canada to England.

Miss Holman is in New York with her mother and sister, at 294 West Third Street. She is a daughter of the late Justice J. A. Holman, of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

PRINCE HENRY'S COMING.

Will Likely Leave for America on February 16. BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother, who will represent the latter at the launching of his new yacht at Shooters Island, N. J., will probably sail for America on February 16 on board the North German Lloyd liner Krona Prins Wilhelm.

Bennett to Sell His Horses.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 15.—G. C. Bennett will sell all of his horses now running at New Orleans. He made this announcement prior to his departure for New Orleans last night and intends resting his runners until the Memphis meeting. The sale will take place at New Orleans Saturday. W. B. Gates, Cadet, Monos, and other winners are in the lot.

College Deeds to Be Passed Today.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 15.—Deeds will be passed late this afternoon transferring the property of the Bible Normal College, valued at between \$60,000 and \$70,000, to the Real Estate Trust Company of this city, and the college will remove to Hartford at once, to begin its joint work with the Hartford Theological Seminary February 1. The institutions voted to unite last summer.

Jersey Prison Fumigated.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—At the suggestion of Governor Voorhees, and on the advice of Health Officer Fell, the inmates and furnishings of the State prison are being scrubbed and fumigated. There are no further cases of smallpox in the institution as yet. All visitors and outsiders are debarred.

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Smiling weather. Highly grateful and comforting to the Big Three—Mr. Reid, General Wilson, and Captain Clark. They're going to London to see the King. How'd you like the job of journeying over seas, to see that the regal hat was on straight? And all your expenses paid? Not so bad, eh? And smiling weather for at least three of our Senatorial friends. The suave Mr. Gorman smiling and trying to look dignified at the same time, as a Maryland legislator, full of enthusiasm and other things, slaps him a resounding thwack on the back and says: "Artie, old chap, you're the real thing." And Dolliver and Allison. Coming back to Capitol Hill, without a dissenting murmur. Oh—to slightly paraphrase "San Toy's" song—it's nice to be a politician sometimes. Calm and peaceful in the Post-office Department, the new High Cockerel of the Stamp Passers having announced that, for the present, no changes are to be made in the staff. Also, prospects of penny postage. Bills—done.

The Weather Indications. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; light winds, mostly southerly.

TEMPERATURE. Temperature at 9 a. m. 31. Temperature at 12 m. 32. Temperature at 3 p. m. 33. Temperature at 6 p. m. 34.

THE SUN AND MOON. Sun rose 7:28 A. M. Sun sets 4:51 P. M. Moon rose 11:12 A. M. Moon sets 11:21 P. M.

TIDE TABLE. Low tide 5:29 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. High tide 11:59 A. M. and 7:59 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING. Lamps lit today 5:49 P. M. Lamps out tomorrow 6:26 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS. National—William Fox's show in a "Royal Rival," afternoon and evening. Columbia—"San Toy," evening. Chase's—Polite vaudeville, afternoon and evening. Lafayette—"Lady Windermere's Fan," afternoon and evening. Academy—"At Cripple Creek," evening. Kerman—"The Thoroughbred Bar-leaguers," afternoon and evening. Bijou—Burdette and vaudeville, afternoon and evening.

UMBRELLA FOR MR. SINCLAIR.

Presentation Made by the Officers of the Tenth Precinct. Mr. A. Letwisch Sinclair, Assistant City Solicitor, was surprised Monday evening by a delegation representing the officers of the Tenth precinct calling upon him and presenting him a handsome silver-headed silk umbrella.

The umbrella is a handsome one, and has Mr. Sinclair's name neatly engraved on the end of the handle with the year "1902" thereunder. On the side of the handle is the following: "From the officers of the Tenth precinct."

Mr. Sinclair thanked the delegation and told them that he was as deeply touched by their act as he was surprised.

WASHINGTON COUNCIL MEETS.

Knights of Columbus Install Their New Officers. The annual installation of officers of Washington Council, Knights of Columbus, took place last night at Carroll Hall, on G Street, between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Edward P. Harrington, the District deputy, inducted the new officers into their places and made a lengthy address, in which he dwelt on the purposes of the order and the duties of its officers.

The following are the officers of the council: Grand knight, Dr. A. J. Wilkie; son; deputy grand knight, M. J. Keane; chancellor, M. F. Halloran; recorder, J. A. Madigan; financial secretary, H. E. Brooker; treasurer, Charles H. Hatcher; chaplain, Rev. Eugene A. Hannan; lecturer, P. F. Moran; advocate, Raymond A. Haskell; warden, James A. Dove; assistant warden, Albert Rompage; inside guard, Thomas A. Harlow; outside guard, Edward Vogt; trustees, P. J. Finn, John T. Callahan and P. Myers.

The council will hold a memorial meeting for the late Patrick Herlihy on Thursday, January 23. Chancellor Halloran will make a short address, and the choral service will be under the direction of L. E. Gannon.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR'S BANQUET.

Seventy-seventh Anniversary of Birth of Organization Celebrated. With words of congratulation and amid scenes of enjoyment, members of Washington Commandery, No. 19 Knights Templar, last night at the New Willard celebrated the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of the organization in a banquet unparagoned in the annals of such affairs in Washington.

Prominent Masons, men in political, business, and social circles of the Capital, united to make the occasion a memorable one.

Carringsmaker's Ball.

The first grand ball given by the Carrings and Wagon Makers' International Union, No. 72, of Washington, took place last night at the "National Rites" Ball. There was a large attendance, and the dancing was lively. At 11 o'clock, during an intermission between the dances, an oyster supper was served.

Lansburgh & Bro. Continuance of Our Grand Clearance Sale. All Wool Henrietta and Albatross. 37c YARD. A DRESS GOODS EVENT THAT REPRESENTS WITHOUT DOUBT THE GREATEST BARGAIN IN STAPLE MERCHANDISE EVER OFFERED. COLORS ARE PINK, BLUE, RED, NAVY, TAN, MOBE, CREAM, OLD ROSE, RESEDA, GREY, HELLO, GORDELIN, MARY BLUE, ETC. THESE ARE FIRST QUALITIES, ALL OF THEM. THEY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE TO OUR CUSTOMERS ONLY—NONE TO DEALERS, ONLY 100 PIECES—SO BE PROMPT. YOU CAN READILY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SALE WHEN WE TELL YOU THAT THESE HENRIETTAS AND ALBATROSSES ARE RETAILLED EVERYWHERE IN THE CITY AT 50c. THIRTY-SEVEN CENTS IS EXACTLY MILL PRICE BY THE CASE LOTS. BE QUICK!

Wash. B. Williams, DEALER IN Furniture, Carpets, Etc., Seventh and D N. W. SPECIAL January Sale OF Lace Curtains and Portieres. For this sale we have placed on show our entire stock of Lace Curtains and Portieres, comprising the first importation of spring designs of one of the largest dealers in the country, and is particularly rich in cheap and medium-priced goods. The Portiere stock consists of all the staple grades, together with everything new in fabric and weave. The colorings and designs are the latest in the market, and the prices will be from 20 to 25 PER CENT CHEAPER THAN USUAL.

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Peter Grogan, 817-819-821-823 7th St. Between H and I Sts. Full Sets of Teeth, \$5. 25-Carat Gold Crown, \$5.00; Porcelain Crown, \$4.00; Gold Filling, \$1.50 up. All other fillings, 75 cts. and \$1.00. Painless Extraction, with or without gas, 50c. Female attendants. Phone E 304 B. WASHINGTON DENTAL PARLORS, 7th and E sts. NW.

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Thin China Tea Cup and Saucer Special. We offer fifty dozen thin, plain white German China Tea Cups and Saucers in the popular oval shape, at the unusually low price of 10c per cup and saucer.

Thin Blue China Cups and Saucers. We have just received another lot of those choice quality thin blue and white Japanese China Tea Cups and Saucers, which we are offering at 15c per cup and saucer. \$1.50 per dozen.

Louwelsa Jardiniere and Pedestal Special. We offer one lot of Hand-painted Louwelsa Jardiniere and Pedestals, which come in the rich Rookwood colorings, and have been \$6.50, at \$5.00 complete.

Roberts Stone Water Filters. We recommend Roberts' Stone Water Filters, which fit on any faucet and are as near germ-proof as any Stone Filter can be. We sell these filters on a three days' trial. If not then satisfactory they can be returned and money will be refunded. We call special attention to these three styles: Philadelphia style, galvanized iron finish, \$1.75; Roberts' style, galvanized iron finish, \$2.00; Roberts' style, nickel finish, \$2.50. Larger sizes for large families and boarding houses.

Bosley's Weather Strips. We recommend Bosley's Rubber Weather Stripping, which comes in 50-foot packages and is easily attached to windows and doors. The smallest size is for windows and is only 75c for 50 feet.

Lipton's Package Teas. Those who are using Lipton's Teas know that they are the best possible value at the prices. They are renowned for the superior drinking qualities and for their cleanliness. We have just received a new shipment and request a trial by those who are not using these celebrated teas. Lipton's No. 1—India Ceylon, lb., 70c; Lipton's No. 2—lb., 60c; Lipton's No. 3—mixed tea, lb., 50c.

New Asbestos Iron Holders. We are now showing three special values in Asbestos Iron Holders, as follows: Mercino-covered Asbestos Iron Holders, 4c; Adams' Canvas-covered Asbestos Iron Holders, 7c; Adams' Improved Canvas-covered Asbestos Iron Holders, 10c. Fifth floor.

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